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File Code: 1950

Date: December 8, 2014

Davis Mounger TN Chp Sierra Club, TN Chp Heartwood, & Heartwood 212 Greenleaf Street Chattanooga, TN 37415

Dear Mr. Mounger:

As you are aware, over the past few months my staff and I have been carefully reviewing the information regarding the objection that was filed in reference to the Paint Creek Project located on the Unaka Ranger District. After consultation, deliberation, and additional field review, I have made the decision to modify the effects analysis in the Paint Creek Project Environmental Assessment. Once the effect analysis is completed, then the Unaka Ranger District will reinitiate the National Environmental Procedures Act process for this project by providing an additional 30 day Notice and Comment period.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 36 CFR 218 process, please contact Ms. Stephanie Medlin, Forest Environmental Coordinator at (423) 476-9700 or by email (<a href="mailto:smedlin@fs.fed.us">smedlin@fs.fed.us</a>).

Sincerely,

/s/ D. JaSal Morris D. JASAL MORRIS Forest Supervisor

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